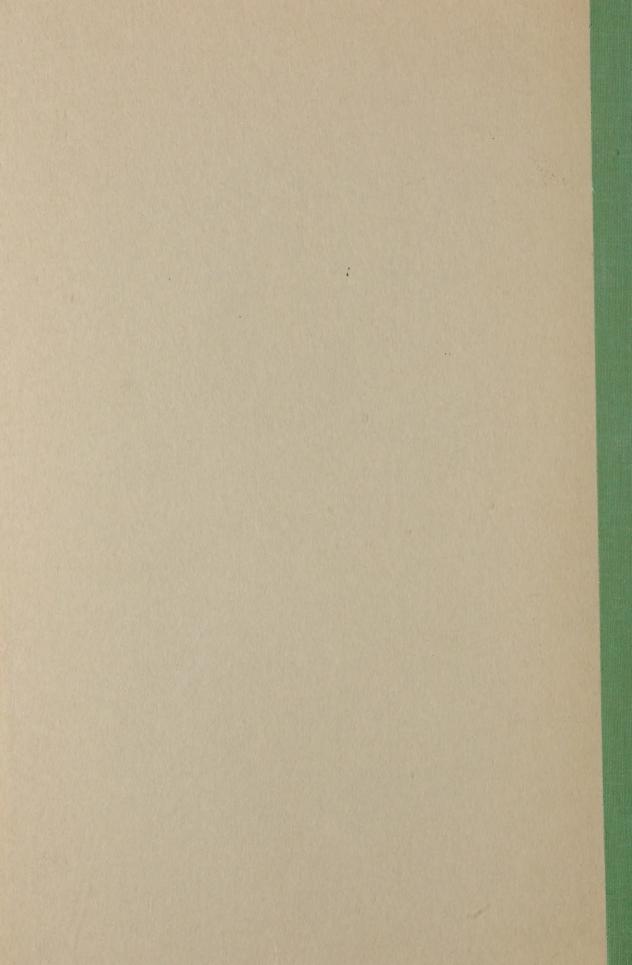


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Gulnare

or

The Crusader's Ransom.

Dramatic Cantata.



· CHARACTERS.



Argument.

The story of the Cantata is founded upon the events of the fifth Crusade which was led by Godfrey de Bouillon, Hugh the Great, Count Robert of Flanders, Bohemond, and others.

During this, the only successful Crusade among so many, the vicissitudes of the Crusaders were great, and the loss of life enormous; but at length victory crowned their efforts, and the Mohammedans were utterly defeated. To quote from history: "It was a bright summer morning in the year 1099, that 40,000 Crusaders, the miserable remnant of that vast army which two years before laid siege to Nice, obtained their first glimpse of Jerusalem. The emotion was intense, the scene sublime. On the 15th July after a siege of a little more than five weeks, the grand object of the expedition was realized: Jerusalem was delivered from the hands of the Infidel."

The Cantata opens with a chorus of Crusaders about to embark on their voyage to the Holy Land. "Deus vult"! was the battle ery with which they cheered each other on to victory or death.

After the chorus, follows a tenor solo in which our hero, the Crusader, in-

vokes the winds and waves to be favorable to their cause; but, a storm arising, Crusaders and Sailers sing a chorus of prayer, which is turned into thanksgiving as a calm succeeds the storm.

In Part 2d, the scene is laid in Palestine, where, after an engagement, the Crusader is taken prisoner by Selin, a young Saracen chief, whose love for Gulnare has met with no return.

Wandering among the lilies at the river's margin, Gulnare sings a Mauresque song in which she relates her scornful rejection of the Saracen lover, and the episode of the wounded knight being brought to her father's tent, and given over to her tender nursing; also of her conversion to Christianity by the Crusader, who unconsciously has won her affection.

The hour of prayer, announced by the Muezzin from his tower, warns her that it is time for her to return to her charge.

An Arab chorus of prayer follows, as the sun sinks below the horizon, after which, according to custom they dance the Sarabande, a slow dance in $\frac{3}{4}$ time, of Moorish origin.

Gulnare, shunning alike prayer and dance, returns to her father's tent, and lulls the wounded prisoner to sleep, by singing a Berceuse.

Upon his awaking, they sing a duet in which he tells her of his gratitude for the gentle nursing which had saved his life, and she, repressing her own sentiments, bids him give the praise to Allah, while whishing for him, heaven's best gifts: health, happiness, and love. Selin enters the tent, and, mad with jealousy, rushes at the Crusader to stab him, but Gulnare, strong with the strength of her woman's heart, throws herself upon the sword.

Selin sees that she is dying, and implores her for but one word of forgiveness. The Crusader, also, beseeches her to speak, and at the sound of his voice, sweeter to her ears than the voice of Israfel whose "heart-strings" (we are told) "are a lute, and whose voice is the sweetest of any, in all God's creatures" she sings a "song of love and death," where upon, Selin, delirious with despair, curses his hand and sword; and Gulnare, in token of forgiveness, bid's him bury her among the lilies in the spot where last they met; and dies.

A chorus follows, in which the music is descriptive of her pure soul being borne upwards, on the wings of angels.

Selim sets the Crusader free, his ransom having been paid by Gulnare's supreme self-sacrifice.

The Cantata closes with a Grand Triumphal March of the Crusaders into Jerusalem.

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PRELUDIO.







CRUSADERS CHORUS.

Nº 1.

















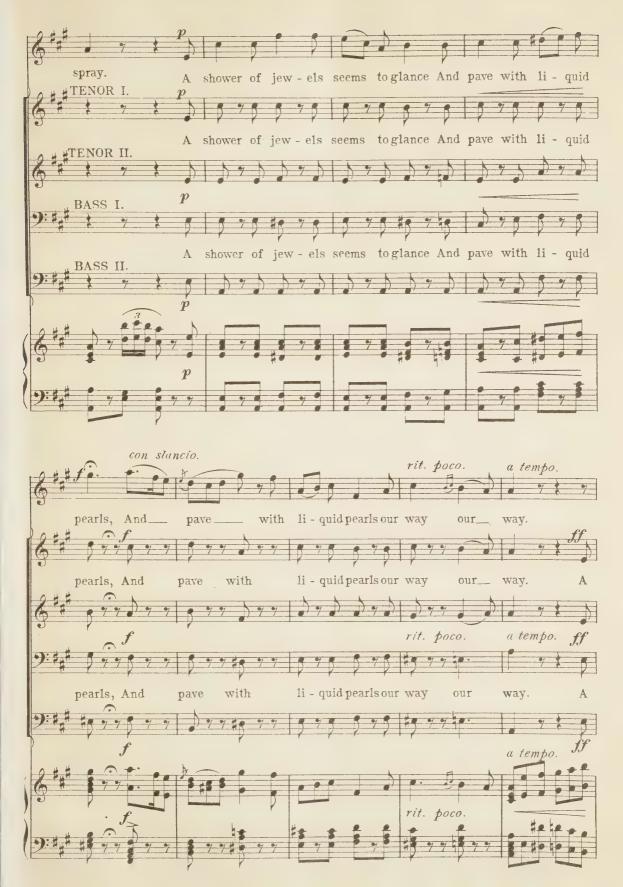




BARCAROLLA.









· CHORUS.

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Part 11. MORESQUE ARIA GULNARE.













ARABS PRAYER. Chorus.



















SARANBANDA.

Moresque Dance.

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BERCEUSE.

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TRIO.

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CHORUS.

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FINALE.

Nº 12.

Crusader's Triumphal March.





























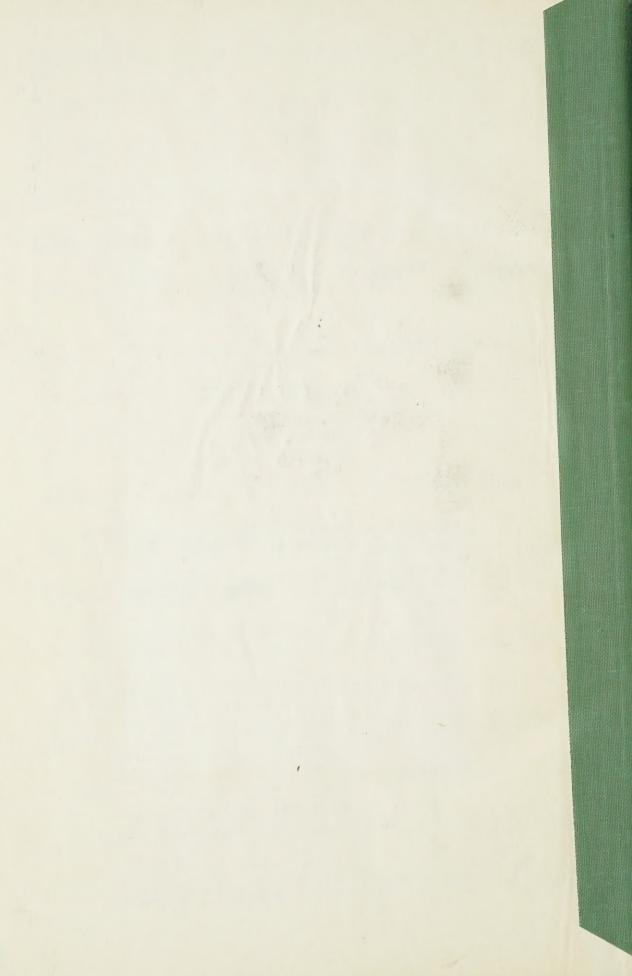












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